

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

### Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Lamellar clarifier of the type comprising:

a) a tank for liquid to be clarified, said tank comprising walls,

b) ~~means for conducting~~ a conductor that conducts said liquid into a lower region of said tank,

c) ~~means for evacuating~~ an evacuator that evacuates said liquid from an upper region of said tank, and

d) a plurality of clarifier plates disposed inside said tank, said plates being substantially parallel and regularly spaced to define a plurality of passages between said lower region and said upper region,

~~e) said lamellar clarifier further comprising~~ hollow tubular members fastened to said plates, said hollow tubular members comprising inside walls, and

~~f) pendular fixing means~~ supporting members between said tubular members and said tank for supporting said tubular members such that said tubular members and their fastened clarifier plates may pivot in a pendular manner about said supporting

members, said pendular supporting members comprising fingers  
fastened to the walls of said tank, wherein:

said inside walls of the hollow tubular members rest on said  
fingers.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) Clarifier according to either claim  
1 ~~or claim 2~~, further comprising an inclination variation device  
that means for varying conjointly varies the inclination of said  
clarifier plates.

4. (Currently Amended) Clarifier according to claim 3,  
wherein said inclination variation ~~means comprise~~ device  
comprises at least one actuation bar connected by a sliding  
pivoting type link to said clarifier plates.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method of cleaning a clarifier~~  
~~conforming to claim 1,~~ A method of cleaning a lamellar clarifier  
comprising a) a tank for liquid to be clarified, said tank  
comprising walls, b) a conductor that conducts said liquid into a  
lower region of said tank, c) an evacuator that evacuates said  
liquid from an upper region of said tank, d) a plurality of

clarifier plates disposed inside said tank, said plates being substantially parallel and regularly spaced to define a plurality of passages between said lower region and said upper region, e) hollow tubular members fastened to said plates, said hollow tubular members comprising inside walls, and f) pendular supporting members between said tubular members and said tank for supporting said tubular members such that said tubular members and their fastened clarifier plates may pivot in a pendular manner about said supporting members, said pendular supporting members comprising fingers fastened to the walls of said tank, wherein said inside walls of the hollow tubular members rest on said fingers, the method comprising the step of placing said clarifier plates in a position substantially parallel to the vertical by pivoting the hollow tubular members about said fingers upon which said hollow tubular members rest.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Method of cleaning a clarifier conforming to claim 1,~~ A method of cleaning a lamellar clarifier comprising a) a tank for liquid to be clarified, said tank comprising walls, b) a conductor that conducts said liquid into a lower region of said tank, c) an evacuator that evacuates said liquid from an upper region of said tank, d) a plurality of clarifier plates disposed inside said tank, said plates being

substantially parallel and regularly spaced to define a plurality of passages between said lower region and said upper region, e) hollow tubular members fastened to said plates, said hollow tubular members comprising inside walls, and f) pendular supporting members between said tubular members and said tank for supporting said tubular members such that said tubular members and their fastened clarifier plates may pivot in a pendular manner about said supporting members, said pendular supporting members comprising fingers fastened to the walls of said tank, wherein said inside walls of the hollow tubular members rest on said fingers, the method comprising the step of oppositely inclining said clarifier plates relative to their operating position by pivoting said hollow tubular members about said fingers upon which said hollow tubular members rest.